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SUBJECT: MOROCCO PASSES ALL FTA LEGISLATION

REF: A. RABAT 2493

1B. RABAT 2467

Classified By: CDA Wayne J. Bush, for reasons 1.4 b and d

11. (C) Copyright legislation was approved by the lower house plenary on Dec. 15, completing all parliamentary passage of FTA-related intellectual property legislation. The newly approved Copyright and Patent/Trademark bills (Ref A) now pass to the Secretariat General of the Government (SGG), where they will be prepared for palace certification and publication in the Official Gazette. This is a purely mechanical and non-deliberative procedure, which under Art. 26 of the Moroccan constitution must be completed within 30 days (Ref B).

12. (C) Embassy understands that language for an exchange of letters on data protection has been finalized and Post will conduct the exchange with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon instruction from USTR.
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